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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CARR (LAPPEMAN, EDMUND H.)

SUBJECT: BONGO INTERVENTION MADAGASCAR TRIAL OF AMERICAN  
AND SOUTH AFRICANS

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 685; B) ANTANANARIVO 502

1. GDRM MILITARY COURT HAS SENTENCED LAPPEMAN, WIGHT AND  
MARAIS TO FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT WITH ONE YEAR'S CREDIT  
FOR TIME ALREADY SERVED. TEXT OF JUDGMENT INDICATES  
MEN RECEIVED INTERMEDIATE SENTENCE FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO  
GDRM AIRSPACE, NOT RPT NOT ESPIONAGE. IN ANY CASE,  
VERDICTS HAVE BEEN APPEALED.

2. IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S INTEREST IN THIS CASE,  
LIBREVILLE MAY WISH TO ADVISE GDRM OF ABOVE, PERHAPS  
THROUGH COLONEL DANIEL. AT SAME TIME, DEPARTMENT AND  
ANTANANARIVO WOULD BOTH FIND IT USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER  
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PRESIDENT BONGO ACTUALLY SENT MESSAGE TO GDRM AND, IF  
POSSIBLE, ITS CONTENT. FINALLY, WE HAVE BEEN INTRIGUED  
BY DANIEL'S KNOWLEDGE ON MARCH 21 OF MCNAMARA'S EXCLUSION  
FROM ACTIVE ROLE IN LAPPEMAN'S DEFENSE, WHICH PARTICIPANTS  
IN TRIAL ONLY LEARNED ON MARCH 20. MCNAMARA HAS NO IDEA  
HOW INFORMATION COULD HAVE REACHED PRESIDENT BONGO. ANY-  
THING EMBASSY LIBREVILLE CAN LEARN ON THIS POINT MIGHT

SHED VALUABLE LIGHT ON BEHIND THE SCENES DEVELOPMENTS  
THAT COULD PERHAPS INFLUENCE LAPPEMAN'S CHANCES FOR AN  
EARLY RELEASE. VANCE

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